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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

JAYARAMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Ted M Wang

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-15, 26 and 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11 and 16-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/2/02, 1/29/03
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 11 and 16-25 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- In claim 11, line 2, insert – one – before “tap”.
- In claim 16, line 6, change “said” to – a --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 11 and 16-25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

3. Claim 1-10, 12-15, 26, and 27 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

- The prior art fails to teach a receiver and system of Claims 16, 26, and 27 that specifically comprises the following:
 - The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the invention patented in Pat. No. US 5,550,810, US 6,345,078, and Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0159507. The improvement comprises that a receiver comprising a weighted mean time tracking that is configured to set a current delay offset of a fractionally spaced equalizer in receiver to a weighted mean arrival time so as to improve the correction of timing error by synthesizing the appropriate delay through its MMSE coefficient settings (page 17 lines 1-6).
- The prior art also fails to teach a method of Claim 1 that specifically comprises the following:

-- The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement over the invention patented in Pat. No. US 5,550,810, US 6,345,078, and Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0159507. The improvement comprises that a method comprising determining a difference between said arrival time and a previous delay offset of said fractionally spaced equalizer; modifying said current delay offset of said fractionally spaced equalizer by an incremental delay offset when said difference is greater than or equal to one tap spacing so as to improve the correction of timing error by synthesizing the appropriate delay through its MMSE coefficient settings (page 17 lines 1-6).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Reference(s) US 5,550,810, US 6,345,078, and US 2002/0159507 are cited because they are put pertinent to a receiver with an equalizer. However, none of references teach detailed connection as recited in claim.

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The claims are objected by the examiner.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted M. Wang whose telephone number is 571-272-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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